

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 4, 1880.

Sir:

I transmit you by Express to-day a box containing two reverse dollar dies and two silver dollars received from the Mint U. S. at Carson.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Coiner at that Mint relative to the same, from which it appears that 39 dies as received from your Mint are too defective for use; that the defects complained of, and illustrated in the dies returned, are of such a character, that if the dies are basined sufficiently to remove the defects, they are too much reduced to make perfect impressions on the coin. Please furnish me with a

Statement of your opinion in regard
to the dies sent you. If you de-
sire the balance referred to, returned
to you I will instruct the Super-
intendent to that effect.

Very respectfully
Horatio B. Mead
Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.
Philadelphia.

Please return the two dollars or their
equivalent to this Office.

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H. C. Burdick

Sends 2 R. dollar
dies, & 2 ddd. from the
Carson Mint, & Copy
of the Coiner's can
plant about the
effective dies.

[1 Enclosure.]

Rec Oct. 5th 1880.

Copy

The Mint of the United States at
Carson, Nevada.

Coiner's Office,

Sept. 24, 1880,

James Crawford, Esq.,
Superintendent,

Sir :-

I herewith-transmit a special report of the rejection of 39 standard dollar dies, as unfit for use, consequent upon the engraving being defective and we cannot basin their reverse faces properly without creating shallow places.

The motto "In God we trust" appears not true in relief and is depressed below the true place to that extent that upon basining the face properly to bring out the balance of the device, leaves the words "United States" and portions of the body of the eagle too shallow for a full standard impression, and coins struck from them would not be perfect.

I herewith-hand you two standard dollar

reverse dies, one tempered and the other soft, showing on their respective faces the defect complained of.

In the case of the tempered one, it will be noticed that the entire face has been ground too much to admit of a perfect impression, while the "motto" is not sufficiently reduced to warrant a clear impress.

I also hand you two standard dollars, marked 1 and 2, the former struck from a perfect die and the other from the aforementioned tempered defective die.

Very respectfully,

Signed: Levi Dague,

Coiner.

U. S. Mint, Carson

Sept. 24, 1880.

Levi Wagner

Coiner

Report respecting
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